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THE DAY

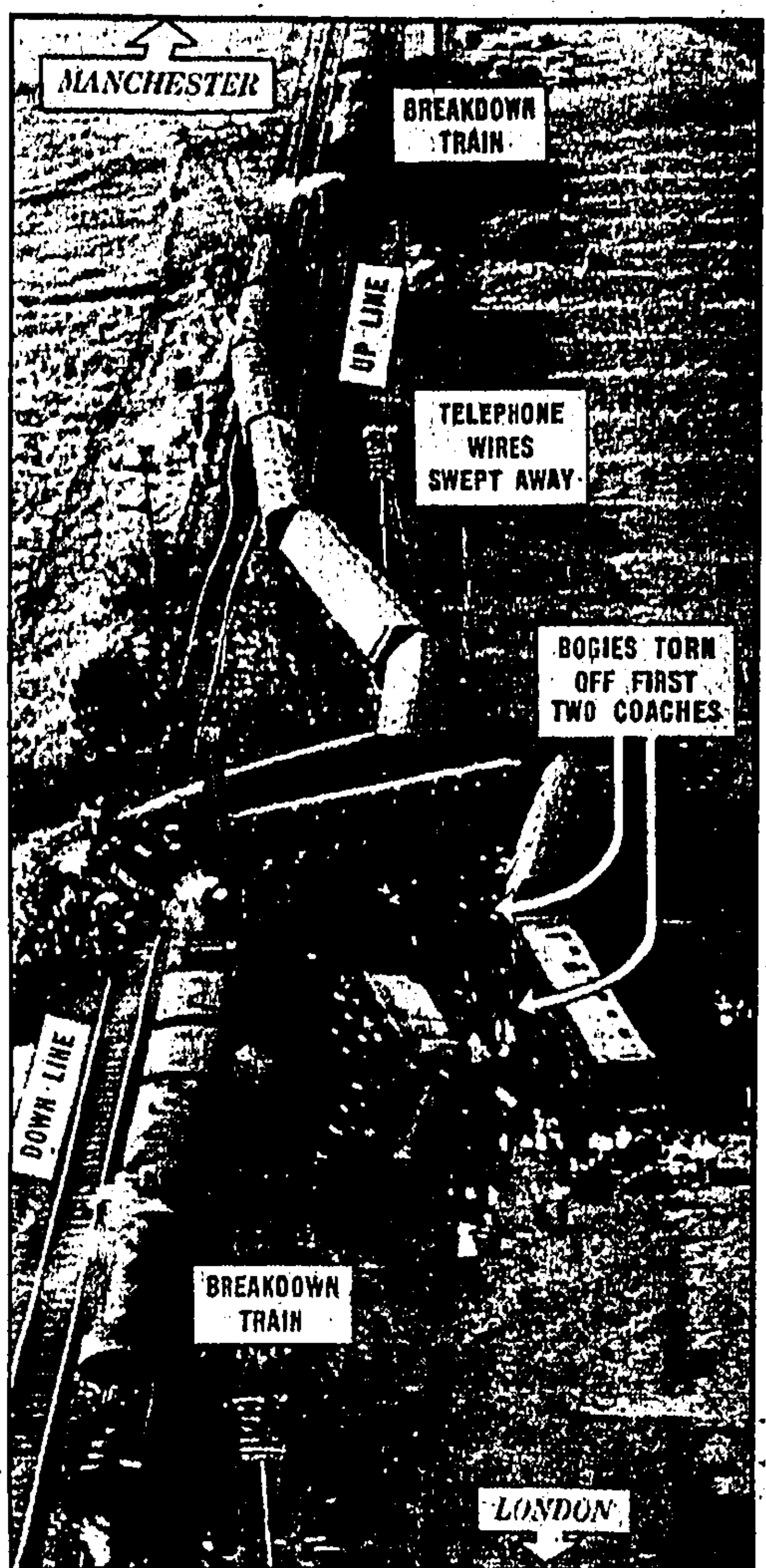
Patience Needed

THE merits of India's claims to Goa have been, from time to time, dispassionately analysed by independent observers, and not a few have reached the conclusion that (a) Lisbon has been unrealistic in its attitude to the subject; (b) in the words of The Economist "Goa is bound to India by stronger human and material ties than those that link it with Portugal." It seems a fair argument that the people of Portuguese India should be allowed to decide for themselves their future, and the simplest procedure suggesting itself is a plebiscite. But even the United Nations could hardly make such a recommendation while India persists in her present belligerent state of mind. A "peaceful invasion" may sound innocuous to the ears of Indian partisans, partly because of the deplorable adjective which qualifies the noun, but in reality it is a deliberately provocative demonstration, unlawful in its intimidation of national sovereignty, and can lead only to unnecessary bloodshed as proved this week. Mr. Nehru, and his ambassador-extraordinary, Mr. Krishna Menon, are the world's current advocates-in-chief for patient and peaceful negotiations in the settlement of international problems, and the accent today needs to be placed on the word patient. Mr. Nehru may, with justification, feel that Portugal has made no serious effort to deal with the Goa problem on the basis of negotiation, but "peaceful invasions" are irrational and serve no useful purpose. The qualities of statesmanship are required to bring about a calm and sensible solution of the dispute and one of those qualities which the Indian leaders need to display is patience.

Unity Needed

THE only significant conclusion to be drawn from yesterday's reports on the new demonstrations in Argentina and the alleged plot to assassinate President Peron is that the rebels want no truck with the country's new diluted dictatorship. Peron may be a deflated demagogue, as latest reports suggest, but the only acceptable alternative is the restoration of democracy and with it a reaffirmation of the rights and liberties of the individual in a democratic society. From available information it appears that Peron himself has been stripped of power by a junta of Army officers. He remains as a figurehead, however, possibly as a sop to the still potent and intransigent elements of his movement. The junta is reported to be unanimously pledged to reformation but split on the question of how quickly de-Peronisation is to be accomplished. There are "activists" supported by the Navy and possibly also the Air Force who would do away with the dictator immediately. Their opponents within the junta are the "passivists" who are more circumspect in their attitude and approach. In the ensuing stalemate little progress has been made and order is meanwhile maintained by rigid repression. Monday's plot was not apparently connected with either faction but reports suggested it was planned by a number of dissident elements temporarily united in common cause. This only emphasises the lamentable fact that Peron's opposition though powerful is too diffuse as yet to be effective. And until it acquires cohesion and strength it is unlikely to achieve its desired objective. Sporadic rioting may have its uses but it may also strengthen the hands of those who seek to curb recurrent unruliness.

Holiday Train
Crashes



An express train with 200 people aboard—many of them holiday-makers—leaped off the rails between Manchester and London and hurtled down a 14ft. embankment. The driver was killed and his fireman and one passenger were seriously injured. But the rest—apart from 12 who were attended to in hospital for minor injuries and were able to go home afterwards—all escaped. Picture shows the twisted wreck of the crashed train in which not a passenger died.—Daily Express Picture.

Communist
Party Boss
Very Ill

Berlin, Aug. 16. Walter Ulbricht, First Secretary of the East German Socialist-Communist Party, is seriously ill and under treatment in the Soviet Union, it was learned from an informed source in Berlin today.

Ulbricht, who had been suffering from stomach trouble for a long time, got worse in July this year and was transferred to Moscow about a month ago, the source added.

It was believed in East Berlin political circles that Ulbricht would not be able to resume his political activities for a long time.

Ulbricht last appeared in public at the beginning of June, when he delivered an important speech before the Central Committee of his Party.

Normally, Ulbricht, who is also Vice-Premier, has replaced Premier Otto Grotewohl when he was on holiday. Yesterday, at a reception at the North Korean Embassy in Berlin, Willy Stoph, Vice-Premier and member of the party's political bureau, was referred to as "acting Premier".—France-Press.

Imports Wipe Out Mines' Profits
London, Aug. 16. The state-owned British coal mines lost £4,900,000 in the first quarter of this year, the National Coal Board announced today. The mines themselves made a profit of £5,024,472, but this was wiped out by losses on imported coal.—Reuters.

IRA VERSION OF ATTACK
ON ARMY BARRACKS

Dublin, Aug. 16. The outlawed Irish Republican Army tonight came out into the open and admitted responsibility for the armed raid on Saturday on the military camp near Reading, 40 miles west of London, when a large quantity of arms and ammunition were stolen.

In a communique issued here tonight signed by "D. Macdiarmada, adjutant-general of IRA," they claimed that the raid had been "successful" and that "all volunteers taking part in the operation have now been accounted for."

The communique said that 10 men took part in the raid and they got into the camp at 2 o'clock in the morning by the main entrance.

"Four men entered by the main barrier, passed the sentry and proceeded to the guardroom," it added.

SENTRY SEIZED
"Just as they entered the guardroom a further two men passed through the main barrier, seized the sentry and bundled him into the guardroom."

"The guard commander and guard were then secured and bound and a new sentry was posted at the main barrier."

The communique added: "The remainder of the party then entered with the transport. The guardroom and guard were searched for arms and ammunition. A search of the guardroom and guard was made and a quantity of arms and ammunition were found. The guardroom and guard were then released and the party departed."

Sorcerer Who
Seduced Girls

Famagusta, Cyprus, Aug. 16. A so-called sorcerer, "Michael the Turk," sent to prison here yesterday for procuring women by "magic," was told by the judge that the stupidity of loose morals of his victims was no defence for him.

Jeering crowds shouted "You deserve more" when the man, Emin Hussein, alias Turk Michael, aged 50, was sentenced to four years' imprisonment, and his mistress, Christina Michael, also 50, to 18 months.

The man made his girl victims believe that intimacy with him was essential to his magic, which would bring back their estranged lovers to them.

Judge George Vassiliades found both Hussein and the woman guilty of four counts of procuring to take prostitutes, namely, sorcery and disclosed, and other counts.—China Mail Special.

ADMIRAL DRUMMED OUT
OF THE NAVY

Buenos Aires, Aug. 16. Vice-Admiral Samuel Toranzo Calderon, former commander-in-chief of the Argentine Marine Corps, was drummed out of the Navy today in a public degradation ceremony, for his part in the unsuccessful June 16 revolt against the Peron government.

Three thousand naval officers and sailors were drawn up in a hollow square in the courtyard of the Navy's vast mechanical school in Rivadavia, a suburb north of Buenos Aires, for the ceremony.

Toranzo Calderon was led out to the centre of the square, where he stood pale and stiffly at attention. The sentence of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces, ordering his public degradation and "indefinite imprisonment," was then read out.

The youngest officer stepped forward and tore off Toranzo's epaulettes, all insignia of rank and the buttons of his tunic. Finally he broke Toranzo's sword across his knee.

Toranzo commanded the naval Marines who on June 16 seized the Navy Ministry and then advanced to within 300 feet of Government House, but were driven back by an Army counter-attack.—United Press.

TRAGIC
END TO
ROMANCE

Berlin, Aug. 16. A 63-year-old college teacher and a 21-year-old girl, his former pupil, were found hanged from the same branch of a birch tree in West Berlin woods.

The couple were facing each other. Underneath, police found a folding chair kicked on its side, three empty cognac bottles, remains of food and a withered bouquet of gladioli.

A farewell letter in the girl's overcoat pocket said she had voluntarily parted from this life with supreme happiness because "there is no room in the world for entirely pure love."

Police said the girl had long had a romantic attachment to the elderly professor against the wish of her family. They withheld the names of the professor and the girl.—China Mail Special.

MURDERER IS
REPRIEVED

London, Aug. 16. John Goffett, 22-year-old farm worker sentenced to death last month for murdering eight-year-old Maureen Ann Robson, was today reprieved by the Home Secretary.

Maureen's body was found in a street near a bluebell wood near her home at Haydon Bridge, Northumberland.

Goffett was to have been hanged on Friday.—China Mail Special.

Brave Man
Is
Decorated

Nairobi, Aug. 16. A Kent man whom Mau Mau terrorists swore to kill has been awarded the Bronze Medal and Certificate of the Royal Humane Society for rescuing four people from drowning.

Ronald Arthur Bowler, 32, of 37, Holmhurst Road, Belvedere, Kent, was a Kenya police inspector last year when he plunged into a flooded river at Nairobi to rescue four people from an overturned police truck.

A former air gunner in the Royal Air Force, he now works for Nairobi City Council. During his two years in the police, the Mau Mau swore to "get him."

While he was chasing two gangsters, a bullet one of them fired struck his cap badge.

His house was broken into and a few months later five terrorist bullets struck the vehicle he was driving, one just missing him.—China Mail Special.

Train Disaster

Tehran, Aug. 16. At least 12 people died and several were injured when two goods trains, one carrying oil, collided some 10 miles from here. The trains, which carried oil, were travelling in opposite directions.

The collision occurred at night, and the cause of the disaster is being investigated.—France-Press.

Satyagrahis Still
On The March

New Delhi, Aug. 16. The Press Trust of India reported that although the Satyagraha march on Goa had been suspended for the present, more than 1,000 Satyagrahis were marching to Sawantwadi, north of Goa, where they would wait in camps for a further decision by the liberation committee.

One thousand other Satyagrahis, who had been at the Goa border since Sunday, would be withdrawn to the camp at Sawantwadi.

The Goan National Congress announced today in Bombay that 28 people were killed on the Goa border and two at Daman, on the fringe, yesterday.—Reuters.

WASHINGTON CONCERNED

Washington, Aug. 16. State Department officials today expressed mounting concern over the new violence in the dispute between India and Portugal over the future of the Portuguese colonial possessions of Goa, Damao and Lul.

The department was awaiting a report from the United States Embassy in New Delhi on today's rioting in Bombay and Calcutta, when Indian police used gunfire and tear gas against mob attacks on Portuguese consulates.

This new violence erupted as the State Department was studying preliminary official reports on Monday's bloody clashes between Portuguese and Indian demonstrators attempting a "passive resistance" invasion of Goa, which cost a reported 15 Indian lives.

Officials said information so far received by the department here "indicated a situation of some seriousness."

Two weeks ago the United States Secretary of State, Mr.

Stowed Away
On Plane

New York, Aug. 16. Pan American Airways officials discovered a Russian-born stowaway in the baggage hold of a transatlantic airliner that arrived in New York from Paris today.

Stepan Strogoff, born in the USSR in 1924, said he had been living in Paris for the last five years, and had stowed away at Orly airport yesterday.

He showed American officials his papers as a "world citizen," an organization founded by an American airman, Gary Davis. It was not yet known here what action the United States authorities intended to take against the 26-year-old Russian; whether they would send him back to Paris or prosecute him as a stowaway.—France-Press.

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Indonesian Corruption Charge

Against Former Cabinet Member

Djakarta, Aug. 16.

The Indonesian Attorney General's office today started its interrogation of former Justice Minister Djardj Gondokusumo on charges of corruption.

The questioning was conducted by an Assistant Attorney General. The Attorney General's office refused to say where the interrogation took place but it was widely believed Gondokusumo was questioned in the army gao where he has been confined since Friday.

'Stork Express'

Salzburg, Aug. 16.

The first "Stork Express", carrying 12 wives of American servicemen in Austria, about to become mothers, left here for Leghorn today. The wives are on their way to the United States.

The train is fully equipped should a baby arrive unexpectedly and doctors and midwives are in constant attendance. The train carries an operation theatre and a special kitchen for cooking baby food.

Should a baby be born on the train it will have American nationality. The train is American territory, as it is owned by the American armed forces. — France-Press.

GERMAN UNITY

Russia Will Discuss It Says Bonn

Bonn, Aug. 17.

The West German Government believes that Russia will agree to discuss German unity at the prospective meeting next month between Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and the Soviet leaders in Moscow, a German Foreign Ministry source said here today.

It considers it unlikely that Dr. Adenauer would go to Moscow next month if the Soviet Government refused to talk about unity. For Germany this question was the essence of any dialogue between the Russians and West Germans, the source said.

A Soviet refusal to discuss unity would naturally "create a new situation."

Prisoners

In a note West Germany sent to Russia on Friday, the Bonn Government proposed putting German unity and the release of German prisoners in Russia on the agenda. A fortnight ago the Soviet Union had proposed discussion of the establishment of diplomatic, commercial and cultural relations.

The Bonn Foreign Ministry is waiting for the Soviet answer to Friday's note before announcing its delegation — expected to be very large — but technical arrangements are going forward. Foreign Ministry sources say that if the invitation proves to be tied to "impossible conditions," Dr. Adenauer will feel no loss of prestige in having to refuse it.

While not expecting any sensational results from the conference it would be well for Germany if diplomatic relations could be established. — China Mail Special.

Army military police arrested him on Friday afternoon in what appeared to be the start of an army drive against Government corruption with the co-operation of the new administration of Prime Minister Burhanuddin Harahap.

Reliable sources told United Press that the army has drawn up a "black list" of former government officials it wishes to question.

Further arrests were expected but they probably will not take place until next week after Indonesia finishes celebrating the 10th anniversary of her declaration of independence. The actual anniversary is tomorrow but a three-day holiday has been declared through Friday.

Long Way

Meanwhile, Harahap's Cabinet moved a long way toward solution of the army rift yesterday. At its first meeting the Cabinet decided not to prosecute army officers involved in an abortive coup on October 17, 1952. It also approved the resignation request of army chief of staff Major General Bambang Utomo and relieved him with pension.

Army officers at a recent "unity conference" suggested the Government drop all charges against those who tried to pull the coup. The government of former Prime Minister Ali Sastroamidjojo did not act on the army request prior to the fall of the Cabinet.

President Soekarno returned to Djakarta yesterday and resumed active control of the Government. He had been resting in the mountains. President Soekarno is entertaining Egyptian Vice-Premier Gamal Salem and will make a major speech tomorrow at ceremonies commemorating the nation's 10th birthday. — United Press.

DRINKS ON BRITAIN AT GENEVA

Geneva, Aug. 16.

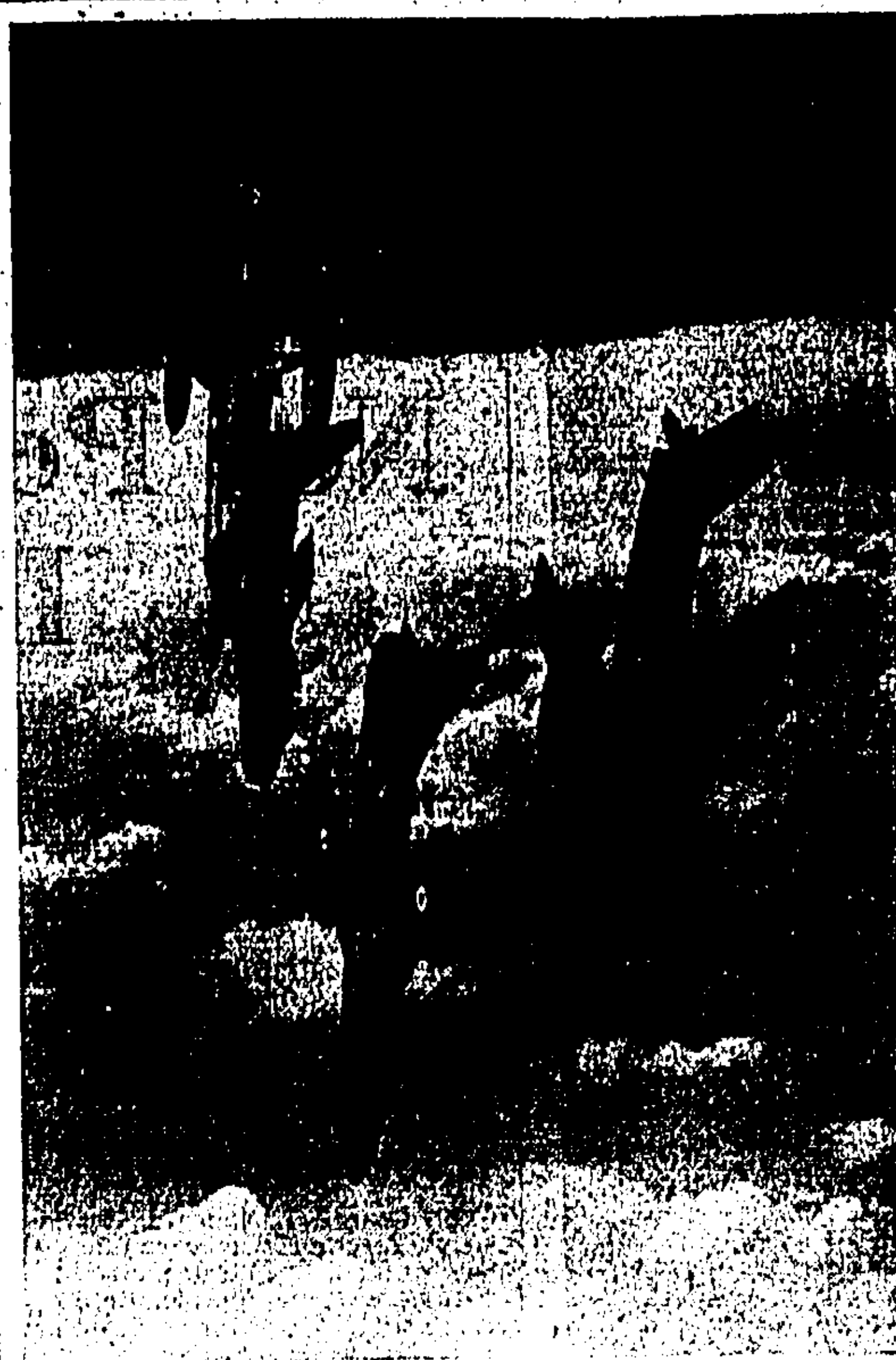
CHAMPAGNE, vodka and whisky flowed here tonight at an international party bringing face to face men from the world's atom laboratories and the men who will compete to sell their products.

The scientists abandoned their discussions at the Palace of Nations on atoms for peace to queue up for drinks dispensed by British industrial firms at the heart of Geneva. Physicists, chemists, doctors, biologists, metallurgists and geneticists from 72 nations settled down over glasses of their favourite beverages to meet the industrialists and businessmen of Britain, the United States, France and six other nations who are planning to translate their theories into commercial products.

The party was given by British exhibitors in honour of Sir John Cockcroft, head of Britain's pioneer atomic research establishment, Harwell.

For two hours representatives of British firms were able to talk business with the world's top atomic experts. An American delegate said admiringly: "The nation of shopkeepers has not forgotten its business acumen in the atomic age." — Reuter.

NATO Aerobatics



Diving vertically towards earth NATO aerobatic formation comprising aircraft and pilots of leading aerobatic teams of the Royal Air Force and the Royal Canadian Air Force and the United States Air Force are based in Europe. At the head of the quartet is a Hawker Hunter of No. 54 Squadron, RAF Fighter Command, flown by Capt. Richard G. Irming, a United States Air Force Officer serving with the RAF on exchange posting. On either side of the leader are two Sabres of the RCAF "Sky Lancers" aerobatic team from No. 2 Wing RCAF. In the "box" position behind and below the leader is a Lockheed T-33 Jet trainer from the "Aerobats" aerobatic team of No. 7330 Flying Training Wing. The team went to Metz recently for a French National Air Meeting and it was the first time the pilots had done aerobatic formation flying together and in view of the differing performance of the three types of aircraft — speaks highly of their skill. — Express Photo.

Apartheid Attacked By Writer

New York, Aug. 16.

South African writer, Mr. Alan Paton, today charged that the South African Government was pursuing a way of "domination."

Mr. Paton, in a lengthy letter printed in the New York Times, uses the case of a South African boy, Stephen Ramasodi, of St. Peter's School, Rosettenville, Johannesburg, to attack the policy of apartheid.

The youth was offered a chance to go to the Kent School, in Connecticut, USA. "It was the South African Government which determined otherwise," he said. "First the South African police refused to issue the certificate of character without which your country would not allow Stephen to enter. The Department of Interior would not grant a passport without this certificate. This Department also consulted the Department of native affairs, which is responsible for the African people of the Union."

Rosy View

"Americans are often told that apartheid means the creation of separate racial societies, all pursuing their own ways of life. All enjoying the impartial benevolence of the State, all proceeding unimpeded, to their several destinies. This rosy view eliminates the darker implications of apartheid. The myth of the racially separate societies existing harmoniously side by side is exposed. This harmony can only be achieved when all of these societies are subservient to one dominant society—that of African nationalism. It is not justice that is being pursued by our government, but 'domination'." Mr. Paton said. — United Press.

German Plane Construction

Would Need Military Orders

Duesseldorf, Aug. 16.

West German industrialists believe they could resume manufacturing aeroplanes but development of the industry would depend on skilled labour available and the amount of orders for the armed forces, the Dusseldorf Industrie Kurier said in a survey published today.

Daimler Benz of Stuttgart and Bayerische Motorenwerke (BMW) of Munich were negotiating for production licences, the paper said. Daimler Benz was particularly suited for piston engine and turbo prop engines and BMW was thinking mainly of producing jet and rocket engines.

Until 1945

Dornier Werke in Friedrichshafen, prominent until 1945 in the manufacture of flying boats, was preparing to enter this field again. The plants of two of Germany's best-known aircraft manufacturers, Ernst Heinkel and W. L. H. & M. Messerschmitt, would be readily adaptable for production of military planes.

The paper said that Focke Wulf in Bremen, which has been building gliders in the past two years, would need to alter its plants slightly for the manufacture of aircraft fuselages. — China Mail Special.

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Airman Will Fight For Son

Sacramento, Aug. 16. AIRMAN Daniel C. Schmidt will fight for the custody of his two-year-old son and his wife's mother will help him, it was revealed today.

Attorney Howard P. Welch revealed that Airman Schmidt, 23, whose wife says she remarried while he was in a Chinese Communist prison, will fight for his son when he files a divorce complaint against 21-year-old Una Schmidt.

Mrs. Walter Ferguson, Una's mother, could be his star witness if a Court fight develops.

"The girl's mother is on Dan's side," Mr. Welch said. "Her sympathies are all with the boy. She doesn't like the idea of the Airman being left while in the Service." Mr. Welch said. "She believes, as we do, that the health and welfare of the child is best with the father."

Legal Questions

In an interview with the United Press, Mr. Welch also said he would discuss with the Pentagon today legal questions surrounding allotment cheques sent to Una.

Some of them were received after September, 1954, when Una says she married Alfred D. Fine, 21, a husky Sierra logger, in the belief that Schmidt was dead.

The Air Force said earlier it notified Mrs. Schmidt as early as June that her husband was believed to be alive and a prisoner.

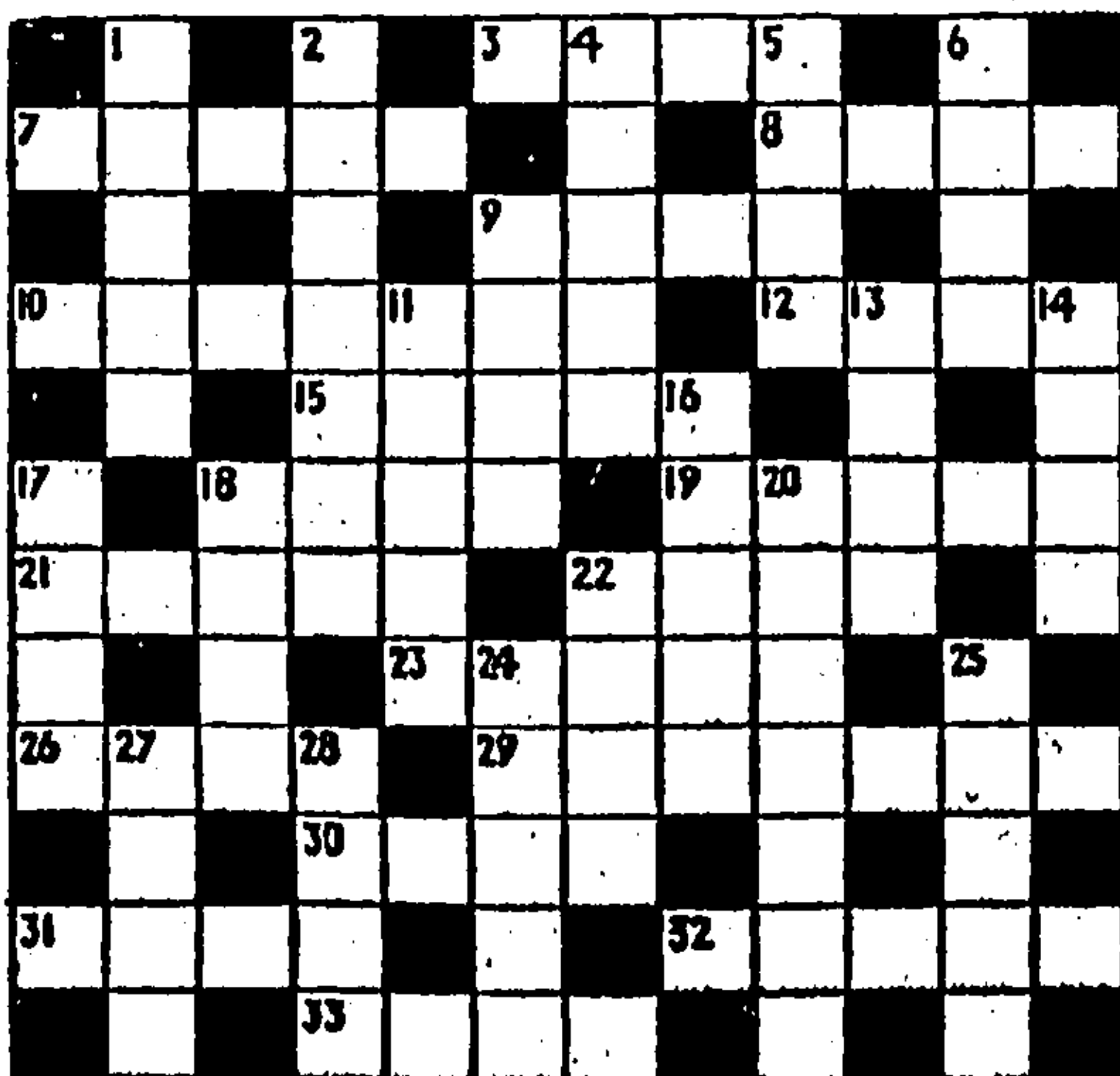
Airman Schmidt was one of 11 American airmen who returned home last Friday. They were imprisoned in January, 1953, by the Chinese Communists after their B-29 was downed over Korea. — United Press.

S'hai Mills

London, Aug. 16. China's two biggest private companies which employed 30,000 people in Shanghai will become joint state-private enterprises before October, the official New China News Agency reported today (Tuesday).

They are the Sung Sing Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company and the Wing Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company which together have one-fourth of Shanghai's spindles in their mills. — Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Oblivious (4).
- 7 Subsequently (6).
- 9 Responsibility (4).
- 10 Liquid measure (4).
- 12 Get ready (7).
- 13 Tool (4).
- 15 Bedeck (5).
- 16 Flashed (4).
- 19 Take as one's own (5).
- 21 Seize without right (5).
- 22 Pass over (4).
- 23 Drinker (5).
- 24 Observe (4).
- 25 Kind of cake (7).
- 30 Couple (4).
- 31 Press (4).
- 32 Checks (5).
- 33 Hurry (4).

DOWN

- 1 Mother-of-pearl (5).
- 2 Give up hope (7).
- 4 Willow (5).
- 5 Roll (4).
- 6 Hum (4).
- 8 Jab (4).
- 11 Skilled (5).
- 13 Let fall (4).
- 14 Consumed (4).
- 16 Nude (5).
- 17 Dumb (4).
- 18 Entice (4).
- 20 Guides (7).
- 22 Pole (4).
- 24 Leaves out (5).
- 27 Vagrant (5).
- 28 Tail (4).
- 29 Hastened (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Scheme, 7 Epic, 9 Cheat, 10 Comet, 11 Atom, 13 Experiment, 15 Dyes, 16 Gnat, 19 Commander, 22 Earl, 24 Villa, 25 Means, 28 Slide, 29 Sudan, 30 Down, 31 Chess, 32 Enter, 33 Encamp, 35 Demanded, 36 Tit, 38 Pot, 39 Miser, 40 Eagle, 41 Extolled, 42 Acrid, 43 Smear, 44 Nomad, 45 Evade, 46 Avid.

MUST PROVIDE THE BASIS

Washington, Aug. 16.

The main American stand at the forthcoming disarmament talks in United Nations will be based on the conviction that a far-reaching system of control and inspection must be evolved before any armament reduction programme is put into effect.

American insistence that a control system should precede any other consideration in armament and armed forces reduction has been strengthened by the Soviet decision to reduce its armed forces by 640,000 men before December 15 this year.

American experts pointed out that it was quite impossible at the present juncture to verify whether or not the Soviet reduction programme would be put into effect. This fact, they said, showed that unilateral actions or statements of intention could not bring security, without international control.

This manner of thinking formed the basis for President Dwight Eisenhower's Geneva proposals for the exchange of military information and serial inspection.

Baruch Plan

These proposals are being drawn up by a group of experts under the chairmanship of Mr. Harold Stassen and in their completed form will be used by the U.S. delegation at the United Nations Disarmament Commission session which opens in New York on August 24.

Mr. Stassen and his experts have recognised that the 1947 Baruch plan for complete and universal armaments control is now outdated, since atomic production can be easily camouflaged.

The Eisenhower proposal for aerial inspection was intended to fill this obvious and important gap in any on-the-spot control system. While it may be impossible to prevent the production of nuclear weapons, it should be possible to spot any plans for an atomic attack: disposition of long-range aircraft, runways or suspicious movements near atomic plants.

American experts believe, therefore, that an effective control system must precede any programme for reduction of armaments, effective for atomic bomb stocks, on an international scale. — France-Press.

'Strip Tease' Strike

New Delhi, Aug. 16.

Some 2,000 Indian Government clerks started a "strip tease" strike in New Delhi arriving for work at the Central Secretariat in undervests and trousers.

The clerks, demanding double their present weekly wage of £1, will go to work unshaven and shirtless all this week. Next week they threaten to strip off their trousers and wear pyjama pants. — Reuter.

SPENDER IN SOUTH AMERICA

Panama City, Aug. 16.

Sir Percy Spender, Australian Ambassador to the United States, left Panama for Costa Rica today, continuing his survey of possibilities for trade between Australia and Latin American countries.

He has already visited Cuba, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. He was believed to be the first Australian diplomat to make such a tour of Latin America. He said trade opportunities for Australia in this area were limited at present but, in view of rising purchasing power and demands, "it is wise for Australia to look to the future." — United Press.

Fossil Fuels Only Equal Year Sun's Energy

Geneva, Aug. 16.

All the energy reserves in the world — the fossil fuels such as coal and oil — built up over millions of years amount to only one year's energy from the sun, Professor E. C. Wassink of Wageningen University, Holland, said here today.

It had been estimated that 88 per cent of all the energy produced in the world in 1952 was the result of photo-synthesis — the process by which plants use sunlight in combining carbon dioxide from the air with water to form carbo-hydrates, he added.

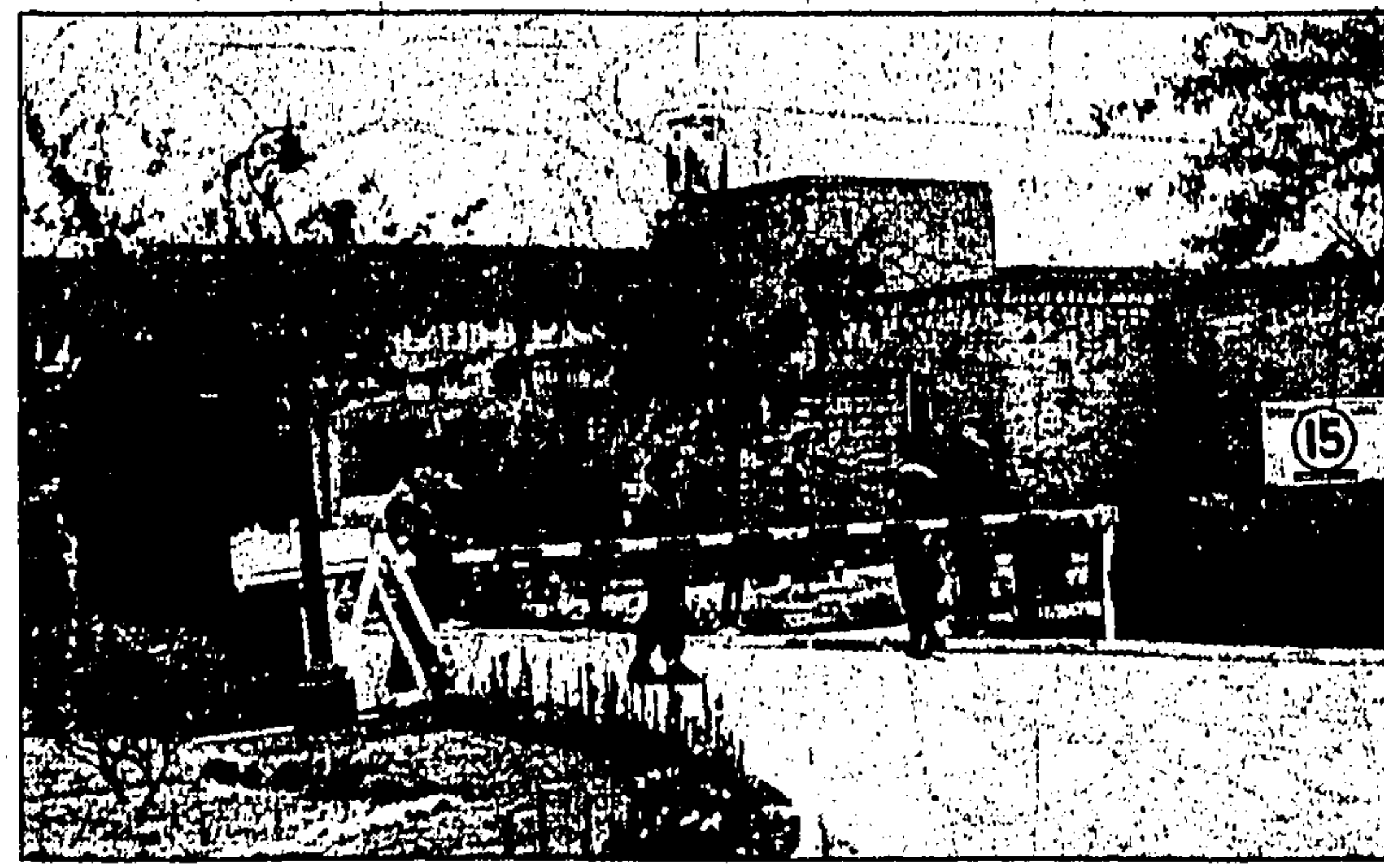
Professor Wassink, who acted as Vice-Chairman at a session on the use of radio isotopes in biochemistry at the "atoms for peace" conference, told a press conference that solar energy is so large that man is able to present to use only about one per cent of the total falling on earth.

Small Fraction

Only a small fraction of the sun's energy was preserved in the fossilised deposits which now formed the main fuels of the world were even now only on the fringe of learning the full processes of photo-synthesis. The discovery of radioactive isotopes was helping the biochemist in his search into the mysteries of this process, the professor said. — China Mail Special.

MAN'S SUICIDE

Munich, Aug. 16. Passerby dragged a young man from a blazing pool of petrol he started, here, but he leaped back and died soon after being taken to hospital. Police said it was a case of suicide. — China Mail Special.



Guards outside the No. 5 Training Battalion, REME, were on the alert the day after six men, believed to be members of the IRA, raided the armoury of the Battalion and escaped with Bren guns, Sten guns, rifles, a pistol and a large quantity of ammunition. The armoury can be seen on the right, the tallest building. — United Press Photo.

NEW YORK PAPERS BLAST UK PRESS 'Tawdry Character'

New York, Aug. 16.

Britain's popular daily newspapers were labelled "the least informative" in the world and of "tawdry character" in articles in the New York Times and the Time magazine today.

Time devoted most of a two-page section on the press to a critical report headlined: "Britain's Abysmal Depths" and the New York Times used the adjective "tawdry" in a leading article about the coming relaxation of British newsprint rationing.

Time said that apart from what it called the three "quality" newspapers — The Times, the Manchester Guardian and the Daily Telegraph — Britain's six other national papers (combined circulation 14.8 million) extended by degrees to the wildest and most sensational in the world — and the least informative. Outside the "quality press" there was very little real news in most British newspapers, Time said.

Abysmal Depths

It said: "The abysmal depths" — a phrase used by the New York Times in an editorial critical of popular newspapers published on the 100th anniversary of British press freedom — were "opening even wider" by photographs including those of Lord Beaverbrook as Britain's undisputed No. 1 press lord at present and said he had improved on Lord Northcliffe's popular formula of "don't forget the millions" by "aggressive, enterprising coverage, and brisk, clever editing."

STUDENTS KILLED IN CAR CRASH

Washington, Aug. 16.

Washington harbour police recovered a body from the Potomac River today and tentatively identified it as that of a Thailand student who would be a fifth victim of an automobile crash in Rock Creek last Friday.

The body was recovered by the Police operating a crash boat from Dolling Air Force base. Identification was not yet positive, but the dead man is believed to be 22-year-old Siriphong Yamsanit, a student of the University of California at Los Angeles, who has been visiting in Washington.

Four Others

Four other visiting Thai students were drowned when their convertible smashed into a car and hurtled into the rain-swollen creek during a storm on Friday night. The Police theorised at the time that a fifth person might have been thrown from the car. Yamsanit was known to have been with the party earlier in the day. A representative of the Thai Embassy is expected to make a formal identification later today. — United Press.

POW MURDER TRIAL

'WORST GUY' IN THE CAMP

New York, Aug. 16.

Sgt. James C. Gallagher, accused of murdering fellow American prisoners of war in Korea and collaborating with his captors, admitted at his court martial today that he was considered the "worst guy" in the prison camp.

The 23-year-old Brooklyn soldier, on the witness stand for the second day, said however, that the opinion of his fellow prisoners was based purely on rumours they had heard about him. The rumours, he added, were not true.

"I know when I walked down toward another squad, they said you better keep quiet, here comes Gallagher," the defendant said in reply to a question by the Court on how well he was liked by his fellow prisoners.

Despite the blistering barrage of questions by Major James J. Jenkins, prosecution counsel, Gallagher refused to be shaken in his denial that he was responsible for the "unpremeditated murder" of three fellow prisoners, that he collaborated with the Communists and that he informed on fellow soldiers.

Gallagher, nervously tapped his foot on the floor and with his arms folded, denied time and again that he had thrown Cpl Donald Thomas from his prison camp shelter to his death in the sub-zero cold or that he was responsible for the death of Cpl John William Jones or that of a third man known only as Dunn. — United Press.

TWO YEARS TO FIND A KEY

Capetown, Aug. 16.

A two-year effort, first to find a lost key and then to replace it, ended successfully and all because Mr. Van Zyl, a town councillor in Schweizer-Renske, stumbled in the street.

Two years ago Mr. Van Zyl lost the key to his big safe. A thorough search for it proved unsuccessful. He decided to replace it. He wrote to locksmiths in South Africa's principal centres but they advised him they could do nothing unless he could provide an impression of the key. This was not possible.

He could not send the safe because it was built within another safe. He couldn't blow out the lock since the safe held important documents that might have been destroyed in the blast. Recently Mr. Van Zyl, accompanied by his wife, took a walk down the town's main street. He stumbled over an object lodged in the road. It was a rusted key — the key to his safe. — China Mail Special.

EARTH TREMOR

New York, Aug. 16.

The California University seismograph today recorded a strong "earth" tremor, estimated at 5,000 miles away — possibly in the area of Japan. The tremor began at around 1:00 a.m. and lasted two hours. — France-Press.

Envoy Robbed

Tokyo, Aug. 16.

An official of the Thai Embassy here reported to the Police today that a burglar stole a camera and a silver cigarette case and other articles worth 800,000 Yen (£2500) early this morning when he forced his entry into the home of the Thai Ambassador. — China Mail Special.

Korea Armistice

Commission

Disbandment Moves Not Known

London, Aug. 16.

The British Foreign Office knows of no concrete moves by the 16 United Nations allies who fought in Korea to disband the Armistice Supervisory Commission, an official spokesman said tonight.

Mr. John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, today told a questioner at his press conference in Washington that any progress towards the objectives of disbanding, withdrawing, or curtailing the functions of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission would be desirable.

The Foreign Office spokesman said the only proposal known to him for the modification of the Commission's activities was that submitted to the governments by the Commission itself last May.

Agreement

The Commission members — Poland, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, and Sweden — had agreed unanimously on the proposal to reduce the size and number of inspection teams, as well as the number of check points. The spokesman repeated the British view that, even if it were held that the armistice terms had certain shortcomings, Britain attached the highest importance to the maintenance of the armistice terms. — Reuter.

DIRTY STREETS

Singapore, Aug. 16.

The streets of Singapore were no longer being cleaned and garbage was left uncleared as from midnight, local time, on Tuesday, following a walkout of the 10,000 Council labourers. The Council Labourers Union set this deadline for ending negotiations on a local dispute. Talks failed and the men walked out. — France-Press.

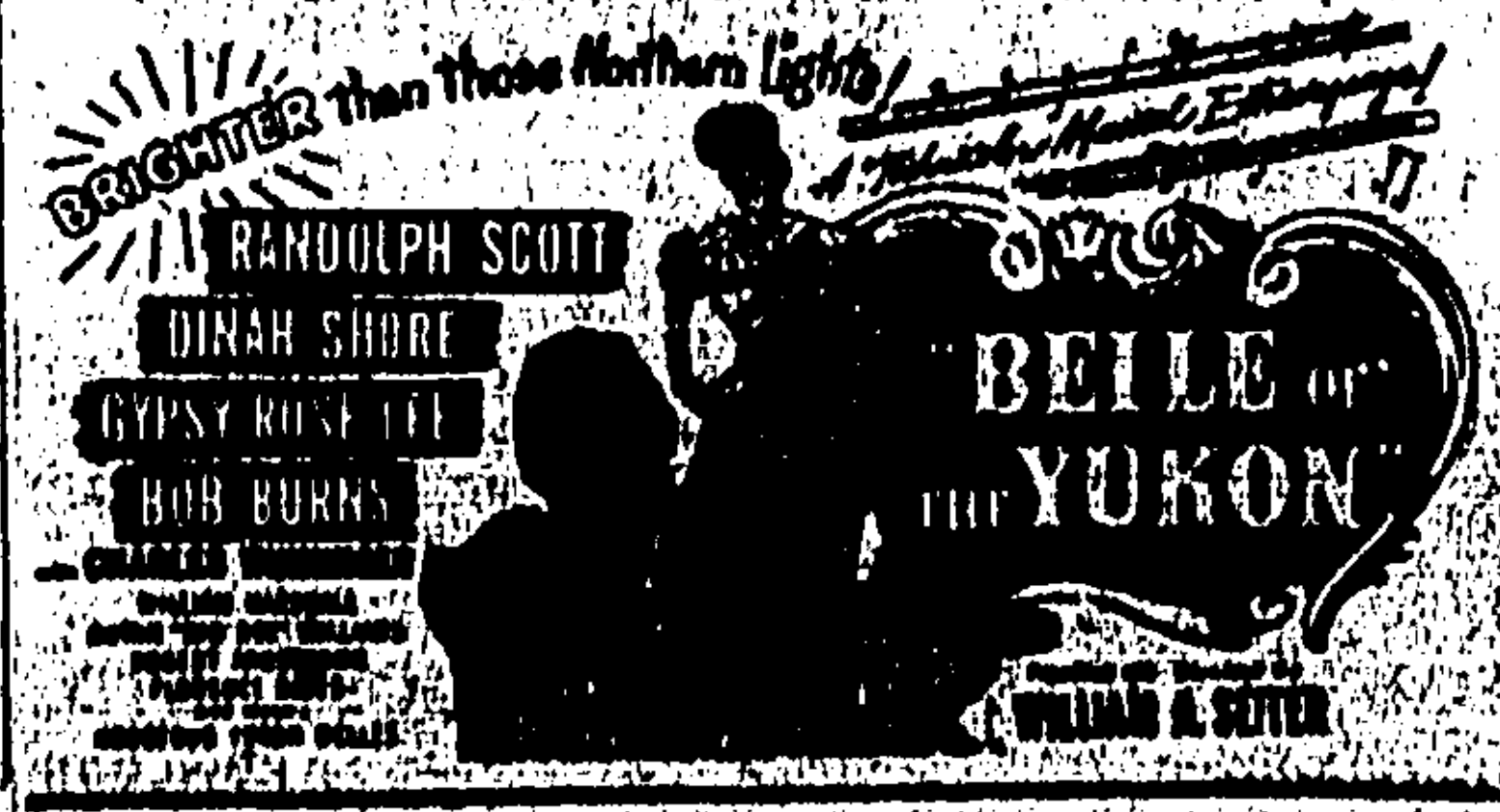
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THEY'D RATHER NOT STUDY IN ENGLAND

By LES ARMOUR

ONE colonial student in three wouldn't have studied in Britain — if he'd had the choice. That's one of the surprising revelations of the first-ever survey of colonial students in Britain published by Political and Economic Planning.

Just where the students would have gone is another matter. But a large proportion of them would have stayed home if equivalent educational facilities had been available.

That applies particularly to students doing undergraduate work at British universities. They feel that they would have profited more by making their first contact with university life in their own environment, and then coming to Britain for post-graduate studies.

Incidentally, some of them reported that they ran into surprising difficulties because no one had briefed them on life in Britain before they left. One student brought a four-poster bedstead with him under the impression that beds were scarce in Britain. When he got here, of course, he could find nowhere to put it.

WRONG IDEA

Many others report that they had entirely the wrong idea about Britain, and were consequently shocked and disappointed by the drabness of the cities they went to, the poverty they saw and, above all, by the areas of London where coloured students often find themselves forced to live.

But, in the end, most did well. Among those enrolled at the London School of Economics for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Economics, 40 per cent failed their final exams or dropped out en route. Superficially, that compares badly with the British students who took the same course. Only 23 per cent of them failed or dropped out. But over half the colonial students tried a second time and passed.

against a very much smaller percentage of the British students who got through on a second try.

Some, however, got lost in the wheels. Partly, that is due to the fact that their numbers have swollen tremendously. In 1939, there were just 500 colonial students in Britain. Now there are over 10,000.

BIG WORRY

Those who come as "recommended" students are usually placed, if not where they want to go, at least in some institution which offers the course they want to take.

Unhappiness over the institutions they are placed in is the biggest complaint. London is first choice, Oxford and Cambridge second, among university students. Other universities are generally unpopular.

But nearly 40 per cent of the students do not come initially, as recommended students and, though, in the end, nearly all get where they want to go, they nearly all have initial difficulty in finding their own way.

Law is the most popular course, medicine next — primarily, students told investigators, because they gave the best chance of prestige and advancement at home. Other courses lag far behind these.

Money is a big worry, too. About three-quarters have scholarships or grants but even these do not always have enough to live on, and the rest have to earn their own living.

Finding a job is usually difficult since the job has to be near the institution where the student is studying. And living in a new country while trying to study and work at the same time presents almost insuperable difficulties — yet the vast majority of students, in the end, manage to overcome them.

Sometimes, though, there are serious initial heartbreaks. One West Indian student had booked lodgings before he left home. When he arrived, he told: "I'm terribly sorry, but you are too dark."

A Malayan student was informed bluntly, under the same circumstances, "we don't take foreigners."

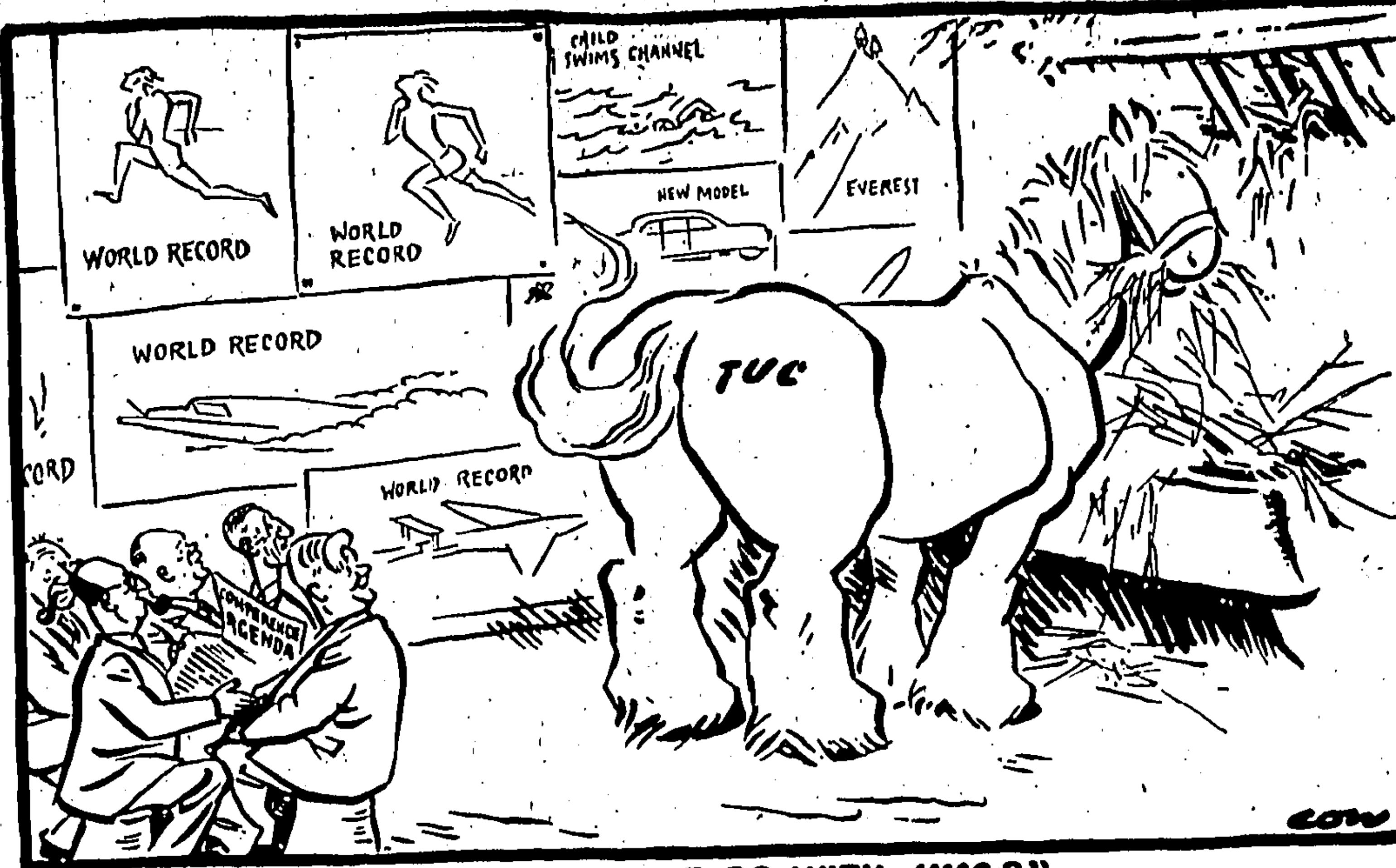
Outside London, where coloured students are immediately taken to be students in most places, there is little problem. But in London, they meet the prejudice which is growing against coloured labourers.

MORE COMFORTABLE

One reason why a large number of the students said they would not have studied in Britain if they had had a choice was that they found that they felt more comfortable about the colour when they were on holiday in France.

The largest number of students — nearly a third — are from Nigeria. An eighth come from East and Central Africa and a tenth from the Gold Coast. The rest are from 47 Colonial and Commonwealth countries.

Most of them are older than their British counterparts (a quarter are married), but a large number told the investigators that they felt they would have done better to have waited longer before they came to Britain.



"WHAT CAN WE DO WITH HIM?"

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INCIDENT AT A LEVEL CROSSING



Alex fired. The pistol clicked. For a split second he looked at it aghast.

THE barrel chest, the medals, the jaw... undoubtedly it was Mussolini. But is this story true? The problem for YOU to solve is...

DID IT HAPPEN?

The answer will be published tomorrow

THIS must have happened in 1934, I think. Anyhow, it was when I was young and foolish. And, oddly enough, if I had been either slightly more foolish or quite a lot wiser than I was, the whole history of the world since then would have been different.

The place where it happened is still quite clear in my mind's eye, though I have never been there since. It is on the coast road on the Italian Riviera, somewhere between Genoa and the French frontier. The road just there is right on top of the cliffs, with a railway alongside it on the left, and the Mediterranean far below on the right. The road turns inland and goes over the railway by a level crossing.

Remote control

I was driving down towards Genoa in an old Morris Cowley two-seater, the round-nosed sort, and when I came to the crossing the gates were shut. I don't remember any houses in sight, not even one for a man to work the kind that they were the kind that was operated by remote control, with a bell to sort in Italy. I think I stopped a bit short of them, and waited for the train. It was very hot, and I wasn't in a hurry.

I had two passengers. One was an English friend of mine called Arthur Anderson, and the other was an Estonian sailor who had escaped from the French Foreign Legion. At least, that was what he said. We had picked him up in Monte Carlo. We had been driving through the town in the middle of the night, when there was hardly anyone about even in Monte Carlo, and I had stopped to ask him the way; and he had replied by pointing an automatic at me and demanding money.

I remember well how this delighted me. It is not that I am brave, or over was, but he couldn't really have meant to shoot me in the middle of the street, and my very first reaction was to see myself telling the story when I got home. With the gun in my chest, I said I had no French money, which was true. Then he rather took the sting out of the drama by saying he was broke and offering to sell me the automatic. "It works fine," he said pathetically.

I am a sucker for sales talk, but I did not want an automatic, and to excuse myself I explained that I really hadn't any money and couldn't get any until I had the six rounds in my pocket. He said, "Then he told me about the Foreign Legion and



by David Howarth

David Howarth has written two best sellers, *The Shetland Bus* and *We Die Alone*. The first of these was the record of his experiences as an RNVR officer involved in gun-running to Norway. Before the war, he was a BBC Talks Producer. Now he lives at Westerham in Kent with his wife and three children.

to give it back to him when he left us at Genoa.

So there we were, the three of us, when we came to that level crossing. The Estonian was sitting on the hood of the two-seater, with his feet on the seat between Arthur and me. Ever since Monte Carlo he had kept us amused with improbable reminiscences. He spoke English with an American accent which, he said, he had picked up in the Merchant Navy, and French with an accent all his own.

He had told us his name. It was very long and I never quite took it in, but we had shortened it to Alex. He was really a very engaging person, and he kept us supplied with fruit which he stole as we went along.

No passport

As for the automatic, it was tucked under the folds of the hood. I had had a look at it that morning, before we came to the Italian frontier, while Alex was absent stealing fruit. It was a Colt .22 and it was loaded. I unlocked it and put the six rounds in my pocket, and then I hid the gun under the hood because I didn't see

any reason to declare it at the customs. I didn't regard it as mine. On the contrary, it seemed to be Alex's only possession in the world, except a shirt and trousers, and I would have been sorry to see it confiscated. So I went through into Italy with a clear conscience. Alex, I recollect, had no passport but showed a seaman's identity card which seemed to work as well.

While we were dreamily sitting and waiting at the level crossing and eating Alex's ill-gotten grapes, a car came up behind us and passed us and stopped in front of us, between the Morris and the gates. It was an open Alfa Romeo, and there was only the driver in it. I was mildly annoyed at his bad road manners. He got out, and climbed on to the low parapet of the road and stood there, with his hands on his hips, looking out to sea and taking deep breaths like someone doing morning exercises. He was wearing a fancy uniform.

Pistol click

I felt Alex tense up before he said anything. Then he said (in American): "God, it's him! It's Mussolini!" I laughed. It seemed as unlikely to me then as it does to you now that you read it. "Nonsense, Alex," I said. "All these Italians try to look like Mussolini."

The man turned towards us and seemed to notice us for the first time, and I saw a look of amusement on his face, at the old Morris I suppose, and he got down from the parapet and came towards us. Then there was no question about it. The barrel chest, the medals, the jaw, the look of supreme confidence: unlikely or not, it was Mussolini.

Alex stood up on the seat and vaulted over the back of the car. I got out on the right-hand side, between the car and the parapet. Arthur stayed where he was. Mussolini glanced at the name Morris Cowley on the radiator, and then spoke to me.

I did not speak Italian, but I understood he was asking if we were English, and I told him.

Then he asked something I couldn't follow. "God, it's him! It's Mussolini!" I laughed. It seemed as unlikely to me then as it does to you now that you read it. "Nonsense, Alex," I said. "All these Italians try to look like Mussolini."

swung round, but Alex had him covered. They both spoke two staccato sentences, and then Alex fired. The pistol clicked. He looked at it aghast for a split second, and then ducked behind the car as Mussolini drew a service revolver from a holster. Behind the car, I think Alex cocked his automatic again and found it was empty. Then he was running like a snipe, across the road. Mussolini fired and missed. I heard the train coming. Alex jumped a low wall and dashed across the railway, and the train came thundering over the crossing. When it had passed, he had disappeared. I remember Mussolini looking at the wisp of smoke from the revolver in his hand. Then as the train receded, there was a roar from behind us on the road, and dozens of Blackshirts rushed up on motor cycles.

Under escort

This had all taken two or three minutes, I suppose. The explanations took nearly a week. The gates opened, the dictator swept on the body-guard divided, some to follow him, determined, I imagine, that he wouldn't outdistance them again, some to hunt for Alex, some to take Arthur and me and the Morris under escort to Genoa.

When we got to police headquarters, there was nothing to do, of course, but to tell the truth, over and over again. I had the bullets in my pocket, for one thing. I think they came to the conclusion that nothing was too stupid for an Englishman, and in the end they let me go. After all, when I unloaded the automatic, I had saved their dictator's life.

If I'd been slightly more foolish, I wouldn't have taken even that simple precaution. If I'd been much wiser and foreseen what dictators would mean to us ten years later, perhaps I would have done something helpful instead of standing struck dumb when Alex fired. Either way, I suppose I would never have come out of Genoa and Italy would never have come into the war against us. I can't deny it would have been a good bargain. Alex couldn't have missed.

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DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?

YES NO

Put your tick in the space above and keep this page with you as a souvenir of this story. J. P. W. Mallison M.P.

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

THE strong man who was fined recently for lifting a cinema usherette high in the air and using them as dumbbells may be the pioneer of a new movement afoot to assert the physical domination of the male in a world full of athletic women.

If the movement grows, as I hope it will, small women cricketers may soon be snatched from the dressing room, rolled into a ball, and used for practice at slip catching.

Some may be bowled by powerful male fast bowlers and hit over the boundary for six.

In fact, the possibilities of this new use for women are endless. Even large women, hammer throwers could be used as hammers by larger male hammer throwers, and thin, stringy young women could be used as javelins.

Dr Gubbins, the Fleet Street psychiatrist writes:

For some time it has been thought in medical circles that the recent outbreaks of violence among young men and the wearing of Teddy suits are expressions of resentment by the male against the masculine activities of the female.

Atavistic memories deep in the subconscious mind of prehistoric life in caves may have prompted the use of usherettes as dumbbells, and the girls may consider themselves fortunate they were not banged on the head with a club and dragged from the cinema by their hair.

In other words, the wounded pride of the male psyche is now asserting itself after remaining passive for many years under the constant pin-pricks of female aggression, which manifests itself not only in sport but in the assumption of men's duties and occupations and the wearing of men's uniforms.

On the whole, I do not think women will resent this attitude of the awakening male. Some might possibly enjoy it if things don't go too far, such as strong men tearing a girl in half like a telephone directory.

Bumbling Letters

IS Mrs Eliza Miffin a Communist agent? In the first of this new series of love letters between Mr George Bumbling, the village handyman, and Mrs Miffin, an accusing finger is pointed at the voluptuous charwoman.

Dere Mrs Miffin, You was wonderful agin Friday though I cant say I old with your goings on lately.

Gone are the days when you wore your bonnet and mantle and was appy with a party now and agin with cold pickled pork and nourishin stout and your back air comin down at mid-night.

Now you are wearin a smart at over oile car and a figger coat and givin parties every night with sherry wine and sardines on bits of toast people are beginnin to talk specially as you dont work no more. Writin as a true friend I want to tell you what they are sayin. As you are now gittin into the local paper they are sayin you are causin as much trouble with the workin classes as the people what give big parties and git reported in the London papers.

Whats more, they are askin where you git your pay from, and is it red gold you are spendin to stir up trouble and envy and start strikes?

I dont know if you are in the pay of the kremlin though I reckon you must ave spent a pretty penny at your midnight bathin party in the floodit duck pond.

The postman alone must ave drunk 2 bottles of cookin sherry before he passed out cold and was lyin in your arms like a dead bathin costume. Good lord what a game.

Whats more I dont like your urchin air cut. It looks as if the rats ave been at it. What about gittin spliced up?

Yrs truly, G. Bumbling (andly man).

Dere Mr Bumbling, you would sink so low as to write poison pen letters though I always knew you was a nossey parker with a nasty mind. I notice you are writin as a true friend. All I can say is what a pal. I think it would be better if you stuck to the things you understand like the sex life of birds and insects you ave always readin about and left politics to people with brains.

Re your idea that I am a Russian agent I scorn to reply and we your remarks about my air I can only say no gentlemen would mention rats and ladies in the same breath specially as the lady was your ost and you didn't do so badly with the sherry yourself.

Meet you same time same place Friday sharp.

Yrs truly, Eliza Miffin (Mrs).

Britain, My Britain?

ONCE more it has been suggested in a letter to a newspaper that, with the exception of Elre, all the British Isles shall be known as Britain and all the people who dwell in them known as Britons or the British.

In other words, this correspondent with no poetry in his soul is asking that England and English, Ireland and Irish, Wales and Welsh (Welch?), and Scotland and Scots should be expunged from the language.

I doubt if the correspondent will get much support for his foolish idea, particularly as his only reason for suggesting it is that it will draw us all closer together.

He may see how foolish it is if beautiful words like England and English are substituted by ugly words like Britain and British in some well-known lines of English, and not British, poetry.

What have I done for you, Britain, my Britain? What is there I would not do, Britain, my own? —William Ernest Henley.

Buy my British pistol! Kent and Surrey may—Violets of the Undercliff Wet with Channel spray; Cowslips from a Devoncombe—Midland fuzes afire—Buy my British pistol And I'll sell your heart's desire! —Rudyard Kipling.

Before the Roman came to Rye or out to Severn strode, The rolling British drunkard made the rolling British road. —G. K. Chesterton.

On, on you noblest British... And you, good women, Whose limbs were made in Britain... Follow your spirit; and, upon this charge, Cry "God for Harry! Britain and St. George!" —William Shakespeare.

If the last distorted quotation does not turn the stomach of this absurd correspondent, then he is no red-blooded man—and certainly no Englishman—and at the top of my voice I call him a cretinous numskull with the cold heart of a cabbage.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Even Trump Suits Not Always Best

By OSWALD JACOBY

EXPERIENCED bridge players know that a trump suit in which each partner holds four cards will often be more advantageous than a trump suit in which one partner holds more cards than the other. It is important to remember, however, that there are exceptions to the rule.

In today's hand, for example, South knew all about his partner's four-card support for hearts but chose to bid five clubs anyway. As we shall see, North should have accepted the bid of five clubs instead of going back to hearts.

When the hand was actually played at five hearts, West took the king of spades and then led his singleton club. South had to try a trump finesse in the hope of limiting the heart loss to one trick, but East managed to give his partner a club ruff. South thus lost a spade, a high trump, and a ruff, or one trick more than he could afford.

Now let's examine the theory of the 4-4 trump suit in more detail. You chose a 4-4 trump

NORTH 15			
♠73	♥A74	♦K95	♣J532
WEST			
♠AKQ9842	♥K52	♦K52	♣J8742
EAST			
♠J	♥A	♦A	♣K1098
SOUTH (D)			
♠J	♥A	♦A	♣K1098
North-South vul.			
1♠	1♥	2♥	Pass
2♥	2♠	3♥	Pass
4♥	4♠	5♥	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♥	Pass
Opening lead—♠K			

suit even when a 5-3 suit is available on the theory that you can draw trumps and then run the five-card suit to discard twice from the partner's hand. These discards would do you no good if the 5-3 suit were the trump suit; but they are useful discards if some other suit is the trump.

In today's hand, for example, North might look for this kind of advantage if he held three small diamonds. He would expect South to discard diamonds from the North hand on his fifth and sixth clubs. These discards would be useful if hearts were trumps, but they would be useless if the clubs were trumps.

The point to notice, however, is that the discards are useless when North has the king of diamonds. It may help to discard from a weak suit, but it is not necessary to discard from a strong suit.

For this reason North should have passed five clubs instead of bidding five hearts. South would lose one heart and one spade, but he would easily make his contract.

★CARD Sense★
C—The bidding has been:
South: 1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass
West: 1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass
East: 1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass
You, South, hold:
♠AKJ10974 ♦85 ♣AK6
What do you do?
A—Bid four hearts. You are willing to be in this contract even if your partner is void of hearts. You might well have jumped to three hearts at your previous turn to bid.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♠AKJ10974 ♦85 ♣AK6
What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

TARGET

WORD GAME
W I P
R N E
S O H
How many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word, the letters on each of the small squares may be used only once. Each word must contain the large



They haven't seen each other since last night.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

ONE day an alert and vigilant product of compulsory education will pop his coin into the juke-box and, listening entranced to the silent record which it provides for those who are sick of the noise, will suspect a trick.

It will occur to him that instead of paying for silence he could stop using the juke-box altogether and save his money. By that time, listening to radio having been made compulsory, people who detect the radio will object to being forced to listen to the occasional silent programmes provided. And eventually it will be difficult to encourage anyone to watch invisible television.

A blow struck for decency

Dear Sir,
Mr. Suet is right. What but crude sex-appeal is the invitation to this Miss Sloperner? What has she to do with our gasworks? I deplore this sensationalism, especially as the drinking dens are to be allowed to remain open for an extra 10 minutes in what is called our Civic Week. What is so civic about floodlighting a gasworks? We shall have actresses reading our meters next. Let this Miss Sloperner do her can-can in the London hotels, and leave us in peace. I am no killjoy, but I draw the line. Mr. Suet has spoken for every decent citizen. I enclose my card, but withhold my name, knowing only too well the effect my

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

BORN today, you have a great deal of native talent but you are disinclined to make the best possible use of it. You manage to get along rather easily without too much effort—and that is enough to feed and clothe you comfortably. You often wonder why other people work so hard to get more. This attitude is quite all right if you want to live a pleasantly mediocre life and never come within shooting range of fame or an outstanding success. But if you want to reach the topmost rung of the ladder, you must exert yourself more consistently.

Never doubt your own talents, for they are many. It is your habit of drifting from one interest to another that may de-

fect you if you don't watch out. It is likely that your most progressive period will be during the latter portion of your life.

You women would make fine nurses, for you have what is sometimes called the "healing hand." Devoted and constant in your affections, you also will make a fine marriage partner.

Among those born on this date are: John D. Kirkland, educator; Laura de F. Gordon, pioneer woman attorney; Julia Marlow and Mae West, actresses; Davy Crockett, pioneer.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—There's romance in the air, so take full advantage of it and recognise it when it arrives.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Be alert to those who may be calculating to utilise your talents for their own gain.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Gossip is never reliable, so pay no attention to it. Act, only upon basic, tested facts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—You must not mix romance and business. Each has its place. Keep it there and enjoy both.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—You might find it advisable to revise your routine methods today to become more efficient.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Finish your business before indulging in recreation or you may neglect something important.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Better for you not to be too adventuresome today. Change pace, maybe, but not your techniques.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—It may be a little difficult to stick to the job today, but it is important that you do just that!

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Gossip is unreliable, so stick closely to facts. Test what you hear for the truth, first.

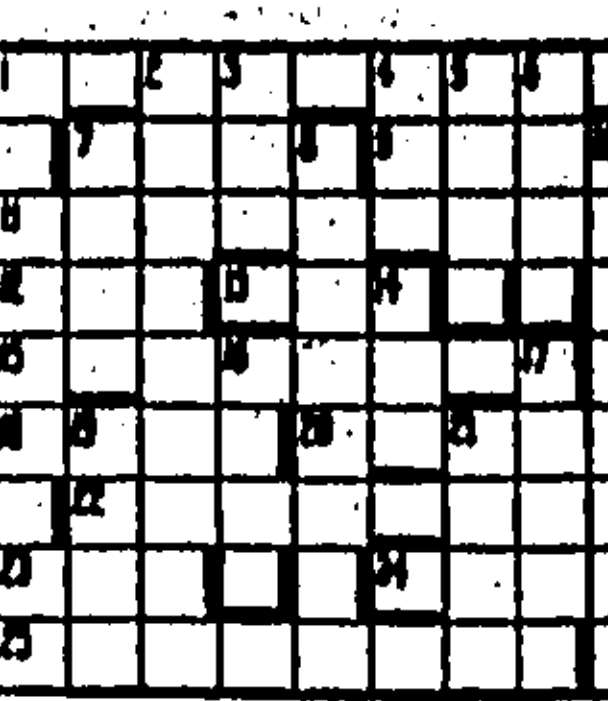
Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—You might wish to entertain friends at home this evening. The stars say it's a good idea.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—You can avoid a major mis-

understanding by being detailed and explicit in giving directions.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—If you make the most of a sudden opportunity, that is wisdom; your friends though, may call it "luck."

CROSSWORD



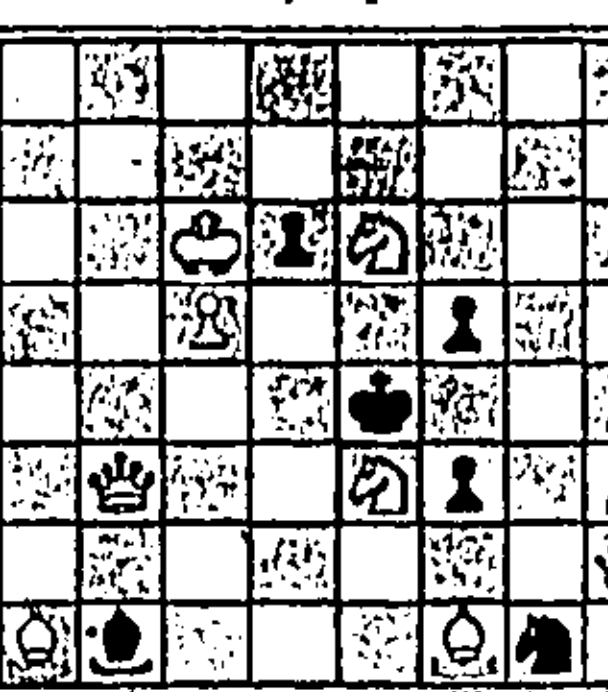
Across
1. You must be able to stand up to things in these restaurants. (10 L)
2. Beat the soldier. (4)
3. Get them right—it's an Army order. (4)
4. Hold not Hood or Adair. (9)
5. Tea with a difference. (8)
6. Small part of the big machine. (8)
7. Blatant home. (8)
8. Today's is never the same as tomorrow's. (4)
9. It carries a cross-country load. (6)
10. Good kind is evident in a man's actions. (8)
11. Kipling used to be a horse? (8)
12. A boy for Christmas? (4)
13. A spouse may give them to his or her second partner. (8)

Down
1. There is often a pound set down for their... (4)
2. Does this grow for use in the tea trade? (5 L)
3. The horse which likes nuts? (3)
4. One insect for making cockney money? (10 L)
5. The nurse is from the East. (4)
6. No note played during this. (4)
7. The Greeks had this word for the cavalry. (8)
8. The cavalry is composed mostly of these. (8)
9. A lady won't win if she goes this way. (6)
10. A boy for Christmas? (4)
11. The hunt has a got together here. (4)
12. A horse which likes nuts? (3)
13. A boy for Christmas? (4)
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CHESS PROBLEM

By G. MIRRI
Black, 9 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. B-Q3. 1... BPxR; 2. R-QB1. 1... KPxR; 2. RxQBP; 1... PxR; 2. BxQBP.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Everyone Hurried Away

—Nobody on the Lawn Wanted to Be Mowed Down—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, just happened to mention the news to Chirpie Sparrow. You can't imagine the excitement it caused. The most curious thing was this: Knarf hadn't thought it was important at all.

This is what happened. Chirpie Sparrow had come to the window sill for his morning bread crumbs. Knarf was on the other side of the window sill, watching him.

"Well," said Chirpie after he had eaten half a dozen crumbs, "what's new today?"

"Nothing much," answered Knarf.

"Nothing?" repeated Chirpie. "The only thing I know of," said Knarf, "is that the lawn is going to be mowed right after breakfast. I heard Father say so."

Chirpie let out the shrillest chirp that Knarf had ever heard. "What! The lawn is going to be mowed? Wow!"

Extra! Extra!

Without even waiting to finish the rest of his crumbs, Chirpie flew off like a shot. Knarf saw him flying up and down, back and forth, to and fro across the lawn, chirping at the top of his voice: Extra! Extra! The lawn's going to be mowed! The lawn's going to be mowed!

Squire Squirrel, who lived in the Maple Tree near the garden wall, came rushing down the tree. He stuck his head in a hole under one of the roots and shouted down to his friend the Chipmunk: "Chirpie! Hey there! Watch your head! Don't come up! They're going to mow the lawn."

"Thanks!" Chirpie yelled back from the bottom of the hole.

Then Squire Squirrel scrambled up to the top of the tree again. "Stay right here!" he told the robins who had a nest on one of the branches. "It's safe in this tree. They won't be able to mow it down!"

Rupert & the Distant Music—39



As soon as the spell of the magic music is removed the little people realize how hungry they are. "What a delicious music!" they say. "We must have some food. Let's go to the kitchen and see what we can find. We'll play our pipes when we have brought the food back to our home."

WOMANSENSE

ICE TEA, made with fruit syrup, has a new, smooth flavour. Serve it in sparkling crystal glasses and it will look glamorously cool.



Home-made Syrup To Flavour Iced Tea

SIP iced tea during the day, without sugar, as a refreshing, pleasantly stimulating thirst quencher. Then—in the mid-morning, mid-afternoon or during the evening add sugar for a quick energy lift.

Here is the newest way to sweeten and flavour iced tea. It's a home-made syrup which makes the beverage especially smooth, delightful to taste and glamorous to serve.

Syrup for Sweetening and Flavouring Iced Tea: In a saucepan combine 1 c. sugar and 1 c. water. Stir over a low heat until the sugar dissolves.

Add a choice of flavourings and cook 5 min. without stirring; then chill. To serve, strain into a small pitcher and use for sweetening and flavouring iced tea.

You'll be delighted with the following flavourings: 2 to 3 tsp. chopped fresh mint; ½ thin-sliced lemon; ½ thin-sliced orange; 1 thin-sliced small lime; 1 (4") cinnamon stick broken in coarse pieces.

Dinner
Mixed Vegetables Vinaigrette
Pressed Veal Loaf
Potato Chips
Sliced Tomato Platter
Fresh or Half-Thawed Frozen Berries

Hot or Iced Coffee or Tea Milk
All Measurements Are Level
Recipe Series 4 to 6
Preserved Veal Loaf Order 5 lbs. knuckle of veal sawed through the bone.
Place in a 3 qt. saucepan; add 1 tsp. salt and 1 tsp. pickling

Babies Are Fearless—Until Taught To Fear

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

A BABY has no fears until you make him afraid. He will try to grab hold of a bee just as readily as he will try to pat a rabbit.

Naturally, you must caution him against touching things that will harm him, but at the same time you must be extremely careful not to make him unnecessarily afraid. Try to hit a happy medium in protecting your baby from danger.

It's easy for a baby to become afraid of simple things, a spoon for example, if he is given something bitter from a spoon, he may become afraid of the spoon itself.

A baby may also become anxious if he has to wait a long time to be fed when he is hungry. Let him know that someone is looking after him. He needs that assurance. If you don't disappoint him, he'll develop the feeling that others won't let him down, either.

Generally, however, babies don't readily take to strangers or even relatives they seldom see.

Don't force your tot to go to anyone. Instead, let him stay at a distance and look them over. If he is too small to approach visitors by himself, you can help prevent fear of strangers if you praise and pet him as you show him off.

Once in a while a baby might be afraid to be left alone in the dark. Now, no baby is naturally afraid of the dark. Consequently, such a fear probably stems from a bad dream or from something that disturbed him when he was in bed alone.

An infant won't be able to explain his fears to you. So the best thing to do is to soothe and comfort him as best you can. Then, leave a small light on in his room, or leave the door open slightly until he drops off to sleep.

Versatile Shawl Collar



This ensemble in royal blue and black tweed has an upstanding large shawl collar on the three-quarter length jacket which may be tied in different ways. The matching slim dress worn underneath has a high draped neckline, and three-quarter length sleeves. The bodice features with black leather buttons to match the belt.

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Whiteaways HONGKONG STORE



It has been the general custom to allot the top spot in this column to a sportsman or a group of sportsmen for some outstanding achievement. Seldom have we given due praise to those who do so much of the organizing that lies behind the scenes of events which bring laurels to successful competitors.

I am sure few will quibble with my intention to correct the omission immediately by awarding the place of honour this week to the energetic staff of 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade who have staged two brilliantly successful shows in the space of less than seven days.

In the latter half of last week they held the Brigade's annual Motor Cycle Trials, which were well supported and produced some top class riding.

This week the emphasis changed to swimming and in the delightful setting of Sek Kong Pool the major and minor units of the Brigade fought for the honours that go with the Championships. The organization at both meetings was a credit to those who did the planning, and they are indeed worthy occupants of the top spot in our Sports Parade.

COLONY ATHLETICS

Army and Colony athletics are the poorer for the departure of Capt Len Spooner, RASC to the United Kingdom. During his stay in Hongkong Capt. Spooner gave ungrudgingly of his services on the administration and organization sides of many meetings.

He was a most active member of the HKAAA and with his wealth of knowledge of athletics he was often in demand as an adviser. He was always ready to plead the case of athletes and his voice was well known as he had taken part in many sports programmes for both Radio Hongkong and Rediffusion.

In a conversation just before he left he said that his main regret was that he was leaving the Colony when the athletic season was just ahead and that he would arrive in the United Kingdom when the season there would be almost over...but knowing Len Spooner I am sure he will soon find a new place for his enthusiasm.

The unexpected out-of-season intervention of the South-East Asian Championships has kept boxing much more in the public eye than would normally have been the case. Army interest has of course been keen for with so many soldier boxers involved personal, unit and force attention has been turned on the pre-selection training, and more recently on the Army representatives who have been selected for the trip to Singapore.

Servicemen's civilians fans alike will now be faced with an inevitable lull but I am sure that they will be glad to have some news of a young man who only a few short months ago was delighting them with his brilliant boxing and powerful punching.

FAREWELL Champion 'Kelly of the Kings' will not be easily forgotten in the Colony and I am indebted to a friend who sends me this extract from a recent issue of 'Boxing News'.

"Liverpool Featherweight Frankie Kelly, who did what no other British, Continental, or American, has done for over 12 months, by beating Tommy Nicholls just before the European Championships, even though it was on a disqualification, is a brother of mine. Kelly, who has now been discharged from the 1st King's Liverpool Regiment and is being groomed for bigger honours by Liverpool ABC trainer Billy Duncan who looked after the Combined West Lancs & Cheshire and Midland team that toured Germany this week. Frank, who won the East Feather crown, was disqualified when Nicholls was given a return as soon as possible."

Well it's always good to hear that old friends are making progress, and tasting success, and I am sure that Hongkong boxing fans will look forward to further news of this brilliant fighter.

ARMY HOCKEY

Earlier today the Army Hockey Association held an important meeting at the Tavern in Kowloon to finalise plans for the forthcoming season and it is expected that full particulars of trial games and other relevant information will be available very soon. Several of the last season's top class players have now left the Colony but the officials are satisfied that they will be able to enter strong representative sides in the Hongkong leagues.

With a grand total of 77 points 1. King's Own Royal Regiment won the Major Units section of the 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade.

Inter-Unit Swimming Championships at Sek Kong yesterday. 14 Fd Regt. RA was second with 74 points while 7 Hussars finished third with 70 points in what was a close and keenly contested competition.

In the Minor Units Section 11th Infantry Workshops, REME made a great recovery to win with a total of 74 points. HQ 48 Bde. was in second place with 62 points and four points further down the scale came 27 Lt. Bty. RA in third place.

When the rugby season comes around the Army will set out to defend its reputation with a new set of officials at the helm. The 'Under New Management' tag becomes necessary as both Lt. Col. T. Gibbons and Major R. Blyth, last season's Chairman and Secretary respectively, will be leaving the Colony in the near future.

These two officials have served Army and Colony rugby well, but the Army is fortunate in being able to call on the services of two most able successors. Brigadier L. C. C. Waldron, DSO, OBE, is the new chairman and he will have Capt. B. Laocok as his secretary. The first meeting is being arranged for the very near future when it is expected that the new season's plans will be announced, and as you will remember from previous comment in this column, there is a strong possibility of several changes from previous arrangements.

MOTOR CYCLE TRIALS

Last year the Royal Artillery enjoyed a great deal of success in the various Motor Cycle Trials that were held in Hongkong but first indications are that they are going to get plenty of tough opposition in the current season.

In the 48 Bde. meeting last week brilliant riding by Cpl. Fawcett and Sgt. Whitaker was too good for the rest of the field and took the team Championship to 7th. Queens Own Hussars, Cpl. Fawcett lost only 11 points in his two circuits and his partner lost only 16. The riders of 2/7 Gurkha Rifles 'A' were second with a total loss of 46 points.

The individual award for the best performance on a 500 cc machine was won by Cpl. Fawcett. The Gunners got into the prize list when some magnificent riding by Gnr. Robson who lost only 7 points in his two circuits won the award for the best performance on a 350 cc machine. Gnr. Robson comes from 27 Lt. (Strangers) Bty. RA.

The award for the best performance by a civilian was won by Lieut H. Subba of 2/2 Gurkha Rifles who had a total points loss of 30.

The Army soccer trials got off to a great start at San Wai yesterday afternoon when more than 70 players showed their paces. The large turnout pleased the officials immensely and a number of very promising players were seen in action. The hot sun and dry pitch tested the players to the full but enough was seen of several of them to suggest that they will be strong candidates for places in the representative teams.

Among the trialists: Spr. Melness, Cpl. Long, Spr. Cocozza, Pte. Hambour, Spr. Swirler and Hall caught the eye but it is certain that quite a few of the players will be called to Sookunpo for further trials in the near future.

The second trial of the series will be held on the 7th. Hussars' ground at Sek Kong to-morrow when another large turnout of players is expected.

The trials will continue at Sookunpo on Saturday and Sunday. The Saturday games will be given over to seeing still more talent in action but on Sunday invited teams will be in opposition.

The announcement of the draw for the opening games of the season has given pressing urgency to team preparations as the Army will be required to meet the 'Big Three' of Chinese football—Kitching, KMB and South China in the course of the first five games. A tall order indeed for a new team, and one that will test the quality of the players to the limit.

THE GREAT NAMES IN PROFESSIONAL CRICKET HAVE NO MONEY WORRIES

...But The Supporting Cast Makes A Precarious Living

Most English cricket fans can remember when cricketers at Lord's entered the field from the pavilion through two different gates. Those who came through the centre one were amateurs; those who came round the side were professionals.

Today, the two-gate system has been abolished. Cricketers at Lord's and every other ground come through the same gate. But in England a distinction between the paid and the unpaid remains. It is perpetuated in the annual fixture, Gentlemen versus Players.

In no other country is such a distinction made between men who play cricket. They are just 'cricketers.' And they are all classed as amateurs, whether paid or not.

NONETHELESS ODD

It is, nonetheless, odd that England, who gave the game to the world, is the only country in which the professional is to be found. It is no new thing. As far back as 1800 matches were played between Gentlemen and Players.

Early professionalism was different indeed from today, when groups of cricketers are paid salaries and expenses, and travel the world. But from the earliest records of the Hambledon Club, perhaps the first organised cricket club in the world, there are records of "payments to players after matches." From this it seems clear, as Sir Pelham Warner declares, that those receiving payments were gradually called Players.

The vast majority of first-class cricketers in England now are salaried men. Their direct reward is usually in the £550 per annum bracket. For that money they are only expected to work during the cricket season—and, of course, to keep themselves reasonably fit in winter.

Cricket being a six-day week affair during the season, those participating must, in the majority of cases, receive some

reward. One or two amateurs, like Trevor Bailey of Essex, are paid for secretarial duties, and not for their actual cricket.

But secretarial jobs are limited. So most are paid just for playing cricket. The English season, a fairly short one, from late April to the middle of September. But it is concentrated and far more cricket is played than in any other country.

Like the stage, cricket has its stars. For these—inevitably Test players—the game provides an income which will dispel all worries that go with advancing years.

101 WAYS

There are a hundred and one ways in which the top cricketer can boost his salary. There are newspaper articles to be signed—even occasionally written; branded products to be advertised, and cricket gear which sells the better for the assurance that it is used by the Test idol.

All this is 'sheer profit' which can, and sometimes does, raise the cricketer to the surtax bracket with income tax men rubbing their hands gleefully as they collect anything up to 19/6d on each £1 earned.

One famous English player, who shall be nameless, was heard to remark not so very long ago, "money is no use to me any more."

But the luxury-class cricketer is still the exception. There can only be a certain number of stars. The majority form the supporting cast. To eke out their income they must find jobs in the close season.

Some, like Derek Shackleton of Hampshire, work in factories. Others study for a profession.

A precarious method of earning a living? It is. Yet in any profession one can only expect to earn a living if one makes the grade. And there are always many more waiting for the opportunity.

There is, too, the inducement of a 'benefit', an important factor in the life of every first-class professional cricketer.

A benefit is a once-in-a-career award made by a club to a professional player. It usually consists of the proceeds of the gate from one particular match in which he is captain for the day.

The following are the results of the 14th round of the Army Small Bore League—

Dist. W/S 'B' all vs Dist. W/S 'A' 571.

Team Disqualified

2/7 Gurkha Rifles "A" 675 vs 7th Hussars 582.
2/7 Gurkha Rifles "B" 550 vs Brit. 130.
H.K.C.T.U. 550 vs C.O.D. 590.
Comd. Regt. 507 vs 43 Field 578.
14 Fd Regt. 555 vs Northampton 571.
2/7 Gurkha Rifles "A" 554 vs Northampton 560.
H.K. Sig. Regt 550 vs Comd. W/S 500.
110 RA 40 Div. 400 vs 11 Int. W/S 500.
North Staffs 554 vs 40 Div. Prov. 571.

Goal scorers were Hanoppl (three) Dienst (two) Neuhold and Halla—Neuter.

Indian Hockey Team In Berlin

Berlin, Aug. 16. An Indian national hockey team arrived in Berlin today to play three matches against an East German selection.

Mr P. L. Gupta, honorary chairman of the Indian Hockey Association, accompanied the team, which is composed of the following players:

Francis, Svaroop Singh, Bakshi Singh, Barmil Singh, Bakshi Singh, Bamode, Bhaskaran, Udhani Singh, Balbir Singh, Sushant and Indarjit Singh—France Press.

BEFORE THE SWIM



Damian Beltram of Mexico wishes good luck to Gabrielle Vegki of Egypt before the start of the 1955 Cross Channel swimming race from France to England.

Beltram finishes third of the only three swimmers to complete the course, rough seas causing the other 18 starters to abandon the race.—Central Press Photo.

CYCLING NOTES

Another Team Victory For REME CC In Sunday's 33 Miles Cup Race

By "NTACA"

Is the day of the "Club-run" massed start race over in the Colony? Sunday's 33 miles race for the "Mary Cheung" Cup would certainly give one to think that it was.

From the start, Bouch, Beck, Wilkinson and Ellingham made a break, building up a lead of a minute after three miles, a lead they were never to lose. The rest of the field were in two large bunches, Lunn (REME CC), chasing hard at the head of the first, trying to catch the runaways.

With him were Maxwell (Cygnets), Cowlan and Rolt (Hussars) and a couple of others, while the second group was headed by Burrows and Hodgkinson (REME), with all the SCAA boys sitting in.

At 10 miles the breakaway group were just over a minute away from Lunn and Maxwell, who had dropped the rest of their bunch, with the remainder of the field starting to struggle out under the fast pace and heat of the day.

Rolt was the first man to drop out, a spanner dropping into his wheel bringing him to a halt. He remounted after a break of six minutes to effect repairs, carrying on to finish last.

Others to fall by the wayside were Hodgkins (Cygnets), Rodgers (Exiles), Chan Man-choung (SCAA), and the two Essex boys, Bigg and Stell.

At the beginning of the second circuit, Lunn dropped Maxwell, wailed for him, then dropped him again on the hill, to ride a time trial to the finish and fifth place. Burrows and Hodgkinson were riding well together, doing bit and bit all the way.

A momentary loss of concentration on the part of Bouch and Ellingham gave the two away to a twenty-yard lead at 200 yards to go. Bouch was quickly after them, but could not make up the deficit at the line, where Wilkinson beat Beck by half-a-length, with Bouch another half length away.

Two seconds and twenty yards later Ellingham crossed the line to lay the foundation for yet another team victory for REME CC, who filled fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh places.

Lam Hong of the SCAA, who had been well down and riding by himself at the half way mark, passed a number of riders to finish in tenth position, gaining the "Special" award for an outstanding ride. The other SCAA finisher, Mun Kai-man, rode with Doble, the new Exiles rider, to take a meritorious ninth berth, a length in arrears.

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The NCU have once again let down the road-racing fraternity by their chess-playing methods. Instead of the permissible six riders in the World's Road Championship (Amateur), they are sending only four, excuse being lack of funds.

Surely they knew some time ago that funds were low. They could easily have done as they have done so often in the past and called for subscriptions.

The cycling brotherhood of Great Britain are always ready to dip hand in pocket for such worthy causes, and the NCU certainly deserves censure for their lackadaisical approach to a matter of such great importance to the folk they purport to serve.

SUNDAY'S TT

Next Sunday sees the first event counting towards the coveted "SCMP" Best All Round Time Trial Cup. The Exiles CC are holding their 25 Miles TT on the old course, starting at T.T. 1, time being 10.30.

Picking a likely winner is a chancy business so early in the season, but I would choose between Wilkinson, Beck, Bouch and Rolt, not necessarily in that order. If James rides, we may see a new Colony record, particularly if the day is not too easy. He likes the hard ones, and put up his best Colony time of 59-41 on a day that left everyone else winded.

The 7 Hussars team should pull off a team victory, if they all ride to form. But they are such an erratic lot, I hesitate to prophesy.

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King Baudouin Scored Personal Success In Belgian Congo

Leopoldville, Aug. 16.

King Baudouin's recent visit to the Belgian Congo and the mandate territory of Ruanda-Urundi is likely to have deeper effects on the future of Belgium's overseas possessions than was forecast here before he began his four-week tour.

The great welcome given to the young monarch must almost certainly quieten criticism of "Belgian colonialism," while his friendly attitude to the natives was a clear indication that any colour bar should belong to the past.

The Royal visit, the first since that paid by the late King Albert 28 years ago, was undeniably a personal success for the 24-year-old King whose sudden revealed spontaneity and charm seemed to bewitch the hearts of his African subjects.

The outburst of sympathy and affection was mutual. Asked what he thought of the Congolese, at the end of his tour, the young King exclaimed: "I simply adore them."

Usually Shy

As soon as he set foot in the Congo, the usually shy, often awkward-looking King of the Belgians was always seen smiling broadly and waving both hands to the cheering crowds, bending over native children to kiss them, listening with relentless attention and kindness to what native officials, and even the humblest individuals, had to tell him.

During most of the ceremonies and receptions, both protocol and security measures were swept aside and the young monarch was "mobbed" and almost hugged by excited natives and Europeans. The more perturbed courtiers, officials and police officers appeared, the happier King Baudouin looked.

But however spontaneous the complex problems of this colony eight times as big as Belgium. In his only official speech during the tour, King Baudouin stressed two points: he said that Belgium was not prepared to share her sovereignty over the Congo, and he insisted that the Belgians and the Congolese form a single nation.

In the speech, in which he addressed nearly 100,000 Africans and thousands of Whites gathered in and around the Leopoldville stadium named after him, he also said that he did "not hesitate to stress that social and political problems are highly important as economic questions."

Calm Reign

This was something new in the Belgian colonial vocabulary from which the word "political" has been hitherto consistently excluded.

Belgium's rule in her overseas dependencies has so far been based on fostering economic, social and educational progress coupled with the firm belief that the Congo masses, only a generation away from wide-spread cannibalism, will not be ready for any appreciable degree of "classical" self-government or democracy for a long time. In fact, even the white residents—some 100,000 State and private company employees, shopkeepers and farming settlers—have no political rights in a country where efficiency and calm reign under the sign of what many observers term "enlightened absolutism."

But the thunderous ovation which rocked the huge stadium after the King's speech was probably touched off not by what he said, in French, Flemish, about "policy" by a passage which, in a clear youthful voice, he read in Lingala, a Congo dialect commonly spoken in Leopoldville province: "I call you to have confidence in the Belgians, to work with them and go hand in hand with them towards a future of greatness and prosperity."

Popularity

King Baudouin's sudden popularity among the natives and the festive spirit created throughout the Congo by his triumphant tour seem to have eased relations between the natives and the Whites.

Although the country has been free of the troubles experienced in neighbouring Kenya, there has been a steady deterioration in the Native's attitude to the European over the last two or three years—blamed by the white population here variously upon "foreign propaganda" with American or United Nations anti-colonialist action, French "democracy," the example of Mau Mau in Kenya, and Communist infiltration.

King Baudouin's visit, however, brought back the smiles and

with them, new hope of rising from the mud hut which he has to enter on all fours to the comfortable cottage complete with showers and radio and a position which enables him to buy the attractive goods he sees displayed in the shop windows of his country's booming cities. Some-times, too, he begins to desire political rights.

To fulfil these hopes, he is now turning to the young "King of the Congo."

The King, in turn, in his first official speech in Brussels, on his return from the colony, explained the need for a happy relationship between Europeans and Natives and outlined a future, "which cannot yet be fixed," in which the two races will live together under a new status, sharing the country's government.

New Plans

A fortnight later, M. Leo Petillon, Governor-General of the Belgian Congo, announced new plans to increase African participation in the Colony's local administration, by the creation of "communes" with native councillors in all villages and towns.

No date was given for the change, but the Governor-General indicated that preparations for it will go forward with as little delay as possible.—China Mail Special.



King Baudouin of Belgium presents a medal, and honours to the well-known Belgian athlete R. Moens, holder of the world's 800 Metres record at a special ceremony in Brussels.—Express Photo.

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Formosa, 5 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain, & Europe, 6 p.m.
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Formosa, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18
By Air
Guam, Hawaii, USA, 2 p.m.
Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m.

By Surface
Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, & Europe, 6 p.m.
By Air
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Macao, 2 p.m.
Philippines, N. Borneo, Rabaul, Australia, New Zealand, 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

King Honours Athlete

Mail Notices

Nationalists Flew Over 13,000 Sorties

Taipei, Aug. 16.
The Chinese Nationalist Air Force during the past 12 months flew more than 13,000 sorties against the mainland and the Straits of Formosa, the Air Force Commander, General Wang Shu-ming, revealed here today.

The daily average was 35 sorties, he added.

The Commander made his announcement after a three-day conference, attended by President Chiang Kai-shek, to review the activities of the past year.

General Wang said that not a single day passed without "our planes flying sorties." He said the Air Force is always combat ready and prepared for any emergency.—France-Press.

Calcutta's Victoria Loses Crown

Calcutta, Aug. 16.
A group of four thieves were arrested in Calcutta today, carrying a sack containing the massive metal crown they had wrenched off the head of a huge statue in bronze of Queen Victoria.

The statue portrays Queen Victoria sitting on a throne and was erected in the grounds of the Victoria Memorial here by a former Viceroy, Lord Curzon.

The police report on the crime said the thieves stole other fittings from the statue but there was no political motive behind the theft. They had hoped to sell the crown, which weighs almost 100 pounds, for scrap metal, the police said.—France-Press.

Freedom Gives Salzburg New Story

Vienna, Aug. 16.

The Salzburg Festival is being celebrated in a free Austria this year, for the first time since 1938, when Hitler's army marched in to enforce the Anschluss (union) of Austria with the German Reich.

And liberty seems to have given a new glory to this traditional festival of music, and especially of the music of Mozart, Salzburg's most famous son. Never before, the critics are saying, has Salzburg looked so radiant as the sun lights up the flags of 26 nations which adorn the Festival House in honour of guests from all parts of the world.

Its parks and palaces, its gaily costumed people, and the vast crowd of foreign visitors, all seem brighter and more beautiful than usual.

Never before, the local newspapers reported, had so many people turned out on the eve of the Festival, July 29, to watch the traditional "Torch Dance" in which over 100 men wearing traditional Salzburg costume and carrying lighted torches, took part. Never before had every house in the centre of the city put candles in its windows, so that the streets were bathed in mellow light.

Under a clear blue sky on the Sunday afternoon, the Festival opened with the traditional performance of Johann Sebastian Bach's "Everyman," the morality play about "the death of a rich man." The critics claimed once again that this year's "Everyman" produced by Ernst Lothar, surpassed any production.

This year, for the first time, the opening ceremony ended with the "Requiem" which Mozart wrote for his own death. This was sung by the Salzburg Cathedral Choir under the direction of Josef Messner, who now holds the post of Music Master of the Cathedral, a position which Mozart's father once held. As is usual, the Salzburg Festival this year is mainly a festival of Mozart. A special exhibition, open for the duration of the Festival in the house where Mozart was born, bears the title: "Mozart and the Theatre."

Opening

At the opening ceremony on July 24, after a memorial speech to Wilhelm Furtwaengler, one of the world famous conductors who helped to make the Salzburg Festival famous, Dr Theodor Koerner, the Austrian President, stressed that even during her 10-year Occupation "in one sphere alone Austria was always free and sovereign—in the world of art."

"Here Austria was always a law giver," he said, "and never an occupied land." And, turning to the representatives of the Four Occupation Powers present, Dr Koerner said: "Differently from in the past we greet this year the representatives of those Powers who will not much longer be called Occupation Powers (the Treaty giving Austria her independence ac-

First Opera

The first opera of the Festival was Mozart's "The Magic Flute." It was produced in the Felsenreitschule—the former riding school cut into the rocks of the Monchsberg—with new scenery and costumes designed by the Austrian painter, Oskar Kokoschka. The music was arranged by the head of the Frankfurt Opera, George Solti, who took the place this year of the late conductor, Wilhelm Furtwaengler. The singers included all those names which have made the Vienna opera world famous.

Already seats for all performances of opera throughout the Festival, which lasts until August 30, have been sold out. So have those for all the performances, on the Domplatz, of "Everyman."

This year's programme includes, in addition to the traditional plays and operas, Werner Egk's "The Legend," the world premiere of which will take place during the Festival. There will also be performances of Hans Pfitzner's "Palestrina," Richard Strauss' "Ariadne auf Naxos," Friedrich von Schiller's "Kabale und Liebe," Jean B. Moliere's "Don Juan," and Mozart's "Entführung aus dem Serail."

In between the operas and plays there will be a series of concerts by the finest singers, players and orchestras in the world.

Hans Knappertsbusch, Edwin Fischer, Eugene Ormandy, Karl Boehm, Rafael Kubelik and Charles Munch are among the conductors at concerts, while Yehudi Menuhin, Geza Anda (Piano), and Enrico Mainardi (Cello) are among the soloists. Other musical attractions include: concerts by the Salzburg Cathedral Choir and ballet evenings by the Vienna Opera Ballet. The Scapellato-Orchestra from Naples will give concerts under the direction of Franco Caracciola.

The Boccherini-Quintette, the Juillard string-quartette, the Barylli Quartette and the Smetana Quartette are but a few of the other attractions offered to music lovers during the Festival.—China Mail Special.

OFFER TO STRIKERS

Rotterdam, Aug. 16.
Employers today offered to take back the 3,000 dockers they dismissed on Monday for striking against a collective labour agreement which had not included their own unofficial union—the Independent Transport Workers Federation (OVV). The OVV today called for a complete strike of all dockers at Rotterdam and Amsterdam.

The 3,000 dockers here were idle today in Rotterdam, together with a few hundred dockers who devoted today in sympathy with them. The employers' organisation (GVZ) said the dismissed men could report for work on Thursday if they were prepared to resume under the conditions of the latest agreement with the OVV.

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